

Remarks

The following remarks are submitted to address the issued raised in the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002.

Claims 8-11, 13, 15 and 20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 8-10, 13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Armani, U.S. Patent No. 5,786,106 ("Armani"). Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Armani and Korycan, U.S. Patent No. 5,950,139. Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Armani. Applicants' respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 8 has been amended to recite that the power source unit is an integrated unit for a telecommunication device wherein the housing, lens, source of illumination, and power source form an integral unit. Claim 8 has further been amended to specify the housing comprises a parallelepiped having a plurality of faces wherein when the housing is received by the telecommunications device, the lens is positioned within the bottom end face.

Support for the amendments to claim 8 may be found, for example, in Figures 2a, 2b, 2c and 3. Support may also be found on page 5 of the specification.

Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter referred to therein.

Reconsideration of the present claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-10, 13, 15 and 20 -- 35 USC §102(e)

The rejection of claims 8-10, 13, 15 and 20 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Armani is respectfully traversed.

Armani discloses a battery pack with an interchangeable tag-along supplemental feature cartridge. As such, the battery pack is not an integrated device as specified in claim 8. Further, the lens portion shown in Figure 1 of Armani is located not integrated with the lamp portion of the cartridge so as to provide an integrated device.

As such Armani fails to anticipate the present claims.

Claim 11 – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Armania and Korycan is respectfully traversed.

Claim 11 is dependant upon claim 8 discussed above, and as such contains "all the limitations of the claim incorporated by reference into the dependant claim." (37 CFR 1.75(c)) Korycan fails to account for the deficiencies of the Armani reference. Korycan discloses a device which uses LED's as a luminous signal quality indicator, which emits light, but is not indicated as able to illuminate the users surrounding. Thus, claim 11 is not unpatentable over Armani and Korycan and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

Claim 20 -- 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The rejection of claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Armani is respectfully traversed.

Claim 20 is dependant upon claim 8, as amended above. Armani fails to disclose or suggest a lumen range for the lamps disclosed therein. Thus, claim 20 is not unpatentable over Armani and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection

Conclusion

All alleged bases for rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot in view of the foregoing amendment and remarks. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding rejections be withdrawn, and that the application be allowed. A favorable Office Action is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 336-607-7315 to discuss any matter relating to the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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